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RICHARD "RICK" GALLOT, JR. **State Representative ~ District 11**

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Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: October 22nd Open Meeting

October 13, 2009

Dear Chairman Genachowski, Commissioners Baker, Clyburn, Copps and McDowell:

I am writing to you today to express concern that the FCC may be placing unneeded network neutrality regulations on Internet and wireless services. Investment in both of these industries is crucial to my constituents in District 11 and across the state of Louisiana.

In today's global marketplace, it is crucial that we continue to encourage investment in the latest technologies. Since this industry has been largely free from government regulations, consumers have benefited from competition in the market. Competition provides consumers with better prices, control over their provider and improved customer service. Placing unneeded government regulations on the market, could lead to increased cost. Increased cost will force some consumers off the Internet.

I hope the FCC understands the impact that network neutrality regulations will have on the market. We must encourage investment in these technologies – not discourage it. While an open Internet is important, the best way to preserve it is not through government regulations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Gallot", is written over a horizontal line.

Richard "Rick" Gallot, Jr.
Louisiana State Representative
District 11